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REMARKS

In the outstanding Official Action, claims 5-9 and 11 were objected to as being in improper form due to improper multiple dependencies. Additionally, claims 4-7, 9 and 11 were objected to because of the form of the claim dependencies. In response, claims 4-9 and 11 have been amended to correct improper claim dependencies, and it is respectfully submitted that all of the currently-pending claims are now in condition for an action on the merits.

Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Nishitoba, with claim 3 being rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Nishitoba, all for the reasons of record. In response, independent claim 1 is herewith amended in order to more specifically and precisely recite the novel and unobvious features of the instant invention, and it is respectfully submitted that claim 1, as herein amended, and the remaining claims depending therefrom, are clearly patentably distinguishable over the cited and applied reference for the reasons detailed below.

In claim 1, as herewith amended, it is now more specifically recited that the cascode transistor is connected between the drive transistor and the associated EL display element, and that the


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storage capacitor is connected between a power supply line to which the source of the drive transistor is also directly connected (see fig. 2). It is respectfully submitted that these additional structural limitations clearly distinguish over Nishitoba, wherein the drive transistor is connected directly to the associated EL display element rather than being isolated therefrom by the cascode transistor, and where the storage capacitor is not connected to a power supply line to which the source of the drive transistor is also directly connected.

In view of the foregoing structural distinctions, now expressly recited in independent claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that amended claim 1 and the remaining claims depending therefrom are clearly patentably distinguishable over the cited and applied references. Accordingly, allowance of the instant application is respectfully submitted to be justified at the present time, and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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